**SS9 The Land and Its People**

**1F: Vikings**

References:

Cranny, M. (1998) Crossroads: A Meeting of Nations, Ch. 8 (pp 216-218)

(Optional reference: *Who Really Discovered America*? History Channel Documentary, available on YouTube. Note: it comes in six parts, and is a total of about 2 hours long. It’s interesting, but you don’t have to watch it. However, if you like anthropology, it’s not bad. You can watch bits of it, all of it, or none of it.)

1. Read the sections “Introduction” and “The Vikings”. Take your notes for verification 1-3 ☺
2. Define the following terms in your OWN words :
   1. To colonize
   2. Imperialism
   3. Artifacts
   4. Sagas
   5. Monopoly
   6. Letters patent
   7. Heathen
   8. Infidel
3. Which European groups explored and colonized North America between 1450 and 1600? What were they looking for? Why?
4. Why were the French so interested in North America? Why were New France and Acadia so successful?
5. What evidence do we have that Vikings actually came to North America? Is this evidence believable? Why do we believe that the Vikings were here about the year 1000, and not believe that the Irish or other peoples came around the same time?

1. Why were the Viking settlements in Newfoundland abandoned?
2. If illustrations of historical events are often romanticized and misleading, can they help us understand history? Explain.